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## OLD NO. 2 REACHES CLARKSBURG AS THE WEST VIRGINIAN PREDICTED

**Trolley Connection Between the Two Towns Was Completed Today On Straight Schedule Time**

**BALLASTING GANGS MET THIS MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK**

As predicted in these columns some days ago, the trolley line between this city and Clarksburg was put in running order to-day and old No. 2, the work car, has made the trip between the two cities. The finishing touches were given to-day, the wiring completed and the ballasting gangs which were working toward each other met at nine o'clock this morning near the Overholt and Allison Bartlett farms. Of course there is considerable work to be done yet before the regular runs

can be made but the track is leveled up and the wire strung and a car has already made the trip. Thus another victory is scored by the West Virginian in being the first paper in the region to give the date of entrance of a trolley car from Fairmont to Clarksburg. It is perfectly safe for cars to run over the line as it now is and tonight or to-morrow a passenger car will likely go over the road.

This is good news and we are glad to be able to publish it to-day.

### AND HIS NAME IS SMITH

**PARKERSBURG'S NEW POSTMASTER HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON AT LAST.**

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Postmaster Frank S. Smith!

That is what it will be to-day, and for four more years to come.

Congressman Woodyard yesterday announced his decision. He said that the name of Postmaster G. B. Gibbons successor was Smith—Frank S. Smith. And that, settled it.

Congressman Woodyard got long distant connection with Mr. Smith yesterday afternoon, and informed him that he had finally got the Gordian knot. That he had decided to appoint him, Mr. Smith. The Congressman said that he would go over to the department and recommend Mr. Smith's appointment either late in the afternoon, if he could get the time, or early this morning. It is likely that he did not have time to attend to it yesterday afternoon, and so to-day will be the day that the appointment will be made, although it was all finally settled and publicly announced yesterday.

It was known very generally yesterday that Mr. Smith had won out, and wherever he went last night he was heartily congratulated, over his appointment.

Something for Stewart.

B. F. Stewart, the only other candidate in the field against Mr. Smith who had a chance of success, has been in Washington for several days. He left there at midnight and will arrive home shortly after noon to-day. Information from Washington received over the telephone from a reliable informant is to the effect that Mr. Stewart, while somewhat disappointed that he didn't win after the gallant contest of himself and his friends, was not seriously afflicted with the blues. The story from the Capital City is that a place "just as good" has been found for the victorious chairman of two successive campaigns, and that he is, on the whole, very well contented under all the circumstances. What the Senators and Congressman Woodyard have on the plum tree for "Pop" Stewart, is their secret. However, it is not believed that it has anything to do with the assistant postmastership.

### DESPERATE DEED

**UNION LABOR MEN SHOT FROM AMBUSH BY UNKNOWN PARTIES.**

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 15.—A bloody carnival was narrowly averted at 10 o'clock last night near Lesages, eight miles north of here in this county. A party of section men of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad had been to this city attending a union labor meeting and were returning home.

At a point near Lesages, a volley was fired from a small woodland by unknown parties and three of the men on the car were critically injured. They are Homer Knight, Roland Leopold and Walter Franning. The latter will probably die.

It is believed that there were several men in the firing party and detectives from this city have been ordered to the scene. The wounded men were brought to hospitals in this city. Sheriff McCurdy, of Huntington, has also gone to the scene to make an investigation.

Sit now for that Christmas Photo. Shaffer Studio.

### MRS. DEAN DEAD

**WELL KNOWN RIVESVILLE WOMAN PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.**

Mrs. Caroline Dean, wife of James Dean, of Rivesville, died this morning at her home in that place after an illness of diseases incident to old age. She was 66 years of age. Mrs. Dean was twice married, her first husband was a Mr. Parsons and three children survive this union. They are, Mrs. John Spencer, of Binghamton, Mr. Frank Parsons, of Clarksburg and J. J. Parsons, of Rivesville, another son. Mrs. Dean had resided in Rivesville for many years and her death will be keenly felt by a wide circle of friends and relatives. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

### WOMAN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Was Organized by the Ladies of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The ladies of Mt. Zion Baptist church met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Forney Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Benevolent Society. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. D. Forney, after which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. D. Forney; vice president, Mrs. B. F. Templeman; second vice president, Mrs. N. B. Crenshaw; secretary, Mrs. Mary Blue; assistant secretary, Miss Eula B. Forney; treasurer, Mrs. Kate E. Banks; president of trustee board, Mrs. Wm. Lee. After the disposal of business, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. B. R. Templeman, a violinist, rendered a beautiful violin solo. He was accompanied by Miss Eula B. Forney on the organ. Many more beautiful selections were rendered by Mr. Templeman and Miss Forney. At a late hour the guests departed to their respective homes, wishing the hostess many more pleasant events.

### WILL HAVE TO GO

**FRENCH CABINET IS DETERMINED TO EXPEL PRELATES WHO RESIST LAW.**

PARIS, Dec. 15.—To-day the police are taking steps to oust the church officials and prelates from the bishoprics, seminaries and other church buildings. Cardinal Lacot was notified to vacate the archiepiscopal palace within three days. The bishop of Arras was expelled from his palace last night, after protesting that he yielded only to force. Immediately after his expulsion, the police drove out the inmates of great seminary of Arras. The cabinet has determined upon expelling the prelates who resist law.

### "THE PROUD PRINCE."

Was Attractively Presented at the Grand Last Night.

Porter J. White, supported by a well balanced company of capable artists, presented "The Proud Prince" to an average audience last evening at the Grand. The play was well staged and the forceful work of Mr. White brought out all there was in this difficult play. All who enjoy a good drama could get much pleasure from the "Proud Prince."

Spring Chicken and Sauer Kraut. The German Beneficial Union will serve members and guests spring chicken, sauer kraut and Frankfurters, goose liver, etc., all day Sunday, Dec. 16, at their rooms, 110 2d street.

## TO-DAY'S NEWS FROM MANY LANDS

### LEWIS B. FREY KILLS HIMSELF

**SATURATED HIS CLOTHES WITH WHISKEY AND THEN SET THEM ON FIRE DYING IN TERRIBLE AGONY—HOUSE WAS SET ON FIRE AND WAS SAVED WITH DIFFICULTY.**

WHEELING, W. Va., December 15.—Lewis B. Frey, a former Moundsville saloon keeper, ended his life in a sensational manner in T. B. Dolan's saloon, at Benwood Junction, about midnight Friday, his dead body, burned to a crisp. "Squire" Lilly, a bartender, who was aroused by smoke from the blaze which was rapidly eating into the floor and would soon have had the entire building in a mass of flames.

The dead man is supposed to have fired his clothes after saturating them with whiskey, and then lay down on the bed, where he died, apparently in terrible agony.

### Had Been Drinking.

Frey came to Benwood Junction early in the evening, and visited a number of saloons. He is said to have been drinking heavily. He had occupied a room on the third floor of the hotel, run in connection with the saloon a number of times previously, and unknown to any of the attaches of the place went through the hall and upstairs to the room. It is thought he entered the room about 11 o'clock.

Short after midnight the bartender, who had occasion to visit a room in the upstairs portion of the building, detected the smell of smoke and made an investigation. Shortly before he reached the room occupied by Frey he met Mr. Dolan, the proprietor, who occupied a room nearby, and who had also been attracted by the smell of smoke.

Together they made their way into the room, which was literally packed with smoke. The fire was communicating with one of the walls of the room and blazing merrily.

### Dead Body in Bed.

They found Frey lying stretched out on the bed. A glance showed that he was dead, his clothing being burned off and the flesh burned to a crisp. Other inmates of the house were aroused, and by this time they succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

A physician was summoned, and upon examination stated that the man was doubtless dead some time before he was discovered. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Becker & Son, at Benwood. Coroner McCombs, of Moundsville, was summoned, and made arrangements to hold an inquest this morning.

### Had Narrow Escape.

Peter Dolan, the aged father of the proprietor of the place, occupied a room adjoining the one occupied by the dead man, and when found was almost completely overcome by the smoke. Had the fire gained much more headway the entire building would soon have been in a mass of flames and it would have been almost an impossibility for all of the inmates to have made their escape without injury. The building is a frame structure, and, with practically no fire-fighting equipment, it would have burned down in a short time.

Officer Press Matthews, of the Benwood police force, arrived soon after the body was discovered and stated early this morning that the case was evidently suicide.

### Was Well Known.

Deceased formerly conducted a saloon on Jefferson avenue, near the corner of Third street, Moundsville. His place was one of the finest in the city. Since the "drys" have been engaged principally in horse racing. He owned two fast animals which were run on a number of tracks throughout the State and valley during the summer and fall.

He resides at No. 709 Eighth street, Moundsville. He was in comfortable circumstances and his friends are at a loss as to the motive of his deed, unless it was despondency from drink. He is survived by his widow and three children. Mr. Frey was well known throughout this vicinity.

Frey was well known here. For a long time he was manager of the Fairmont Brewing Company. Henry Gilmore, of this city, was a partner with him in his business at Benwood. Mr. Gilmore left here this morning and will look after matters there.

### PASSING EVENTS HOT FROM THE WIRE

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—Augustus Hartje to-day took an appeal from the decision of Judge Robert S. Frazer, in the divorce case of himself against his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, and the appeal has been entered upon the records of the prothonotary of the Superior Court. The case will be argued in this city at the April term of court. Hartje's brothers, Richard and Edward F., are his bondsmen, in one thousand dollars, to cover the costs of the appeal.

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Another unsuccessful attempt was made to kill Admiral Dubasoff, former Governor General of Moscow, today. While riding in his carriage to the Taurida Palace a bomb was thrown at him by two men. An explosion followed, but Dubasoff was only slightly injured. The would-be assassins were arrested.

BAYFIELD, Wis., Dec. 15.—The steamship Manistique, with a crew of 31 men, has probably gone to the bottom of Lake Superior. The Ireland is also wrecked and it is supposed foundered before daylight this morning. The tug Crosby, leaking badly, has just reached here with all but one of the crew of the Ireland. One man drowned and the others are seriously injured.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15.—King Oscar's condition is more favorable to-day, according to palace bulletins this morning.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 15.—The six days' bicycle race ends to-night. To-day the riders are fairly flying around the disphen circle in a wild sprint to win. Ten teams are engaged in the heart-breaking struggle which yesterday had lapsed into a farce. The contest closes ten minutes past ten to-night.

At ten sharp the teams one lap behind will be ordered from the track and the best sprinters of teams that are tied for lead will race for the honor. Strychnine and wine are being given to several of the riders.

At noon all the teams had 2,131 miles to their credit excepting Walther, Bedell, Breton, Samuelson, one lap behind. Record, 2,134.44.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The steamship Monterey, crashed into the Sandy Hook pilot boat, Hermit No. 7, early to-day off Highland Light. The Hermit was struck midship and cut into halves. Three pilots and the crew of seven men narrowly escaped drowning. The Hermit sank within three minutes after it was struck. The Monterey was steaming full speed from Havana. The weather was thick and it bore directly down upon the Hermit. The boats were lowered and the men were rescued nearly exhausted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In Congress next week, the Senate will continue with the Smoot case, may adopt the Congo resolutions, will listen to special messages from the President on Panama and the Japanese situation in San Francisco. The House will go some business under suspension of rules and take up the district of Columbia affairs and additional appropriation bills; both Houses will adjourn December twenty to January three.

### BRAKEMAN MEETS DEATH IN B. & O. FREIGHT WRECK.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 15.—John Brandenburg, aged 24, a brakeman, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was killed last evening in a Baltimore and Ohio freight wreck at Oakland. Six cars were demolished and both tracks blocked for hours.

Largest stock of watches in the city at Fisher's.

### THE WEATHER.

Colder To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15. —Forecast for West Virginia: Rain or snow and decidedly colder to-night; clear and colder Sunday.

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### BIG POWDER EXPLOSION

**NORFOLK AND WESTERN MINING TOWN SCENE OF A HORRIBLE DISASTER—ONE DEAD, ONE DYING AND EIGHT MORE OR LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED.**

BLUEFIELD, Dec. 15.—An explosion at Eckman of ten thousand pounds of powder which was being transported on three mine cars from a freight car to the powder house of the Polaski company, resulted in the death of one and the fatal injury of two and the serious injury of eight others. Two of the injured are women whose homes were near the scene of the explosion and which were wrecked.

There were eight men on the cars, sitting on the kegs of powder.

Joe Steel died en route to the hospital.

Alex Finney and Mrs. Geo. Johnston will die.

Edward Mullin, Felix Hardnett, T. Hairston, Geo. Bland, Oscar Cowns, C. W. Case and Mrs. Mary Rhoades are seriously wounded. The wrecked houses took fire and the scene was soon thronged with people.

Timbers and empty powder cans were scattered over a large area. The mine cars were drawn by a motor which is propelled by a trolley and it is thought that the cars were charged with electricity from the motor.

### BECKMAN'S STORE

Is Putting on Christmas Aids and Holiday Attire.

Beckman's store is taking on quite a festive air for the holiday season and the decorations which are the work of Mr. C. W. Poling have called forth much complimentary notice from customers. The show windows are prettily decorated, in one is a display of dolls and the other has an elegant line of Christmas stationery. Inside an attractive display of handkerchiefs is arranged in a most unique manner, forming three arches, the sole decoration of which is handkerchiefs.

### Team Went to Clarksburg.

Uniform rank Fairmont Division No. 2 of the K. O. T. M., of this city, went to Clarksburg this afternoon. Tonight Clarksburg Division No. 8 of the same order will be instituted. The initiatory exercises will be conducted by the local team, which took its paraphernalia along. Eighteen men went from here. Delegations from Philippi, Weston, Parkersburg and Wheeling will witness the work. A banquet will be served at the Waldo to-night. The Knights will return to-morrow.

Special prices on watches at W. A. Fisher's.

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## Grand Jury Greatly Wrought Up Over Story of Miss Slusser As The Assault of Frush

**THE GIRL IS NOW A MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WRECK**

CLARKSBURG, Dec. 15.—Geo. M. Frush, the well known barber, who is behind the bars of the county jail, stands indicted for criminal assault on Miss Maggie May Slusser, aged 17 years, of Mt. Clare. His case will doubtless be called at the present term of the Circuit court, but whether he will be tried depends on whether the State and defense are ready, or whether either is ready. Upon conviction the penalty may be capital punishment or a life sentence, if found guilty of actual rape.

### Jury Wrought Up.

The grand jury returned the indictment against Frush Thursday afternoon, just before adjournment, after it had heard the girl's story. The condition of the girl as well as her version of the affair left no doubts in the minds of the grand jury as to their duty in the case. Indeed, there is said to have been such feeling among the members of the grand jury that it is feared there would have been summary vengeance had Frush been present while Miss Slusser was relating her story of the affair.

### Girl a Physical Wreck.

As previously stated a rule and attachment were necessary to get Miss Slusser before the grand jury. Deputy Sheriff John Knox and John Lang brought her here from her home Thursday afternoon. She was in a stage of collapse upon her arrival. Coming here in a carriage with the officers and her mother she vomited several times, and upon her arrival had to be assisted to the sheriff's office, where hysteria and general nervous prostration delayed for a considerable time the administering of the oath given by the circuit clerks. She repeatedly mentioned the name of

Frush in her ravings, if such they may be called, and plaintively plead with her mother and others to defend her from him, revealing in these pleas the alleged conduct he had toward her.

### Drestring Scenes.

In the grand jury room the scene is said to have been most distressing and her mental and physical condition soon enlisted the sympathy of the jury and her story aroused their indignation, which, though suppressed in a measure, assumed the form of vengeance.

The recital by her adhered closely to that given on the witness stand in magistrate's court soon after the night of October 8 last, when the drive on the Bridgeport road at night and the alleged criminal assault was made or attempted. It was all sufficient under the circumstances to easily convince the grand jury that it was its duty to present Frush on a most heinous crime.

### Home After Ordeal.

The sheriff's deputies after Miss Slusser left the grand jury room took her and her mother to the station, placed her on the train and arranged for her conveyance to their home from the Mt. Clare station.

According to her mother, Miss Slusser has never been her former self, mentally or physically, since the affair took place, and the past three weeks she has been a physical wreck the neighbors say. Her condition is certainly alarming, as it appeared upon her trip here and visit to the grand jury room, largely perhaps, through dread and fear to confront sixteen men and relate an account of the terrible affair, as claimed by her, but that her mental and physical condition is greatly impaired there seems no shadow of doubt.

## JEREMIAH HESS PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

**WELL KNOWN AND ESTEEMED CITIZEN OF BINGAMON IS DEAD.**

CLARKSBURG, Dec. 15.—Jeremiah F. Hess, father of Mrs. James N. Hess, of this city, an aged man widely known and highly esteemed by the people of this and Marion county, died at his home on Binghamton, Marion county, Friday morning at one o'clock after a lingering illness. Mr. Hess had been ailing for a long time and his death was caused by a general break down and diseases incident to old age.

Mr. Hess was 72 years old and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Minerva J. Cunningham, a sister of ex-County Commissioner F. W. Cunningham, of Marion county; and two children, Mrs. James N. Hess, of this city, and Miss Fannie Hess, at home. Two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Hess have died.

They were Lloyd Hess, who was a prominent school teacher, and Maynard Hess, who was in the lumber business at Elkins.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Services will be held at the late home and the burial will be in the family burying ground on Binghamton.

### W. G. Nolting Here.

W. G. Nolting, of the firm of Wyatt and Nolting was here to-day ascertaining facts concerning the situation, location and conditions of the lot on which the armory is to be located. This firm is to draw the plans for the building.

Mr. Nolting in few days will have the plans ready. The material to be used in the construction has not been decided upon.

It is hoped that the excavation work can be begun in thirty days.

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## DEAN HOGG TELLS HIS POINT PLEASANT FRIENDS ABOUT THE W. VA. UNIVERSITY

**SPEAKS OF ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

POINT PLEASANT, Dec. 15.—Dean Chas. E. Hogg, of the Law Department of the State University, who is here this week attending court and finally closing his practice here, when seen this week said:

"I confess I was loth to leave here my old friends and a large practice, but I was so far committed to the work there was no turning back. But every day that I am at Morgantown, the more I see the wisdom of my going and the more pleasant grows my work. I do not wish to discuss my department except to say that there are not more many set of men in any college, than the law students at Morgantown. There are now about 4,500 volumes in the law library, which my own library augmented by half, after the President had permitted me to

buy late valuable books, but there are needed 10,000 volumes in the library that the young men may become familiar with them and learn their use theoretically and practically before going out to the practice. While we have lectures every morning and in my apartments hold a moot court twice a week, we need a regular court room properly equipped with judges stand, witness stand, jury box and tables for students. However these things will all come, as West Virginians are realizing every day how splendid is their University and she is able to properly equip her schools. While there is a great student body in all the departments of the University, I regret that the people of the State do not know it better and utilize it more, as there are no colleges in the United States offering better general inducements for education, leading up to the A. B. degree from the preparatory Department to the University proper. "No better comment could be made upon the Medical Department that

gives a two years' course which is recognized and credited without further examination by all the best Medical colleges of the country, than the showing made by the West Virginia University students at the college of physicians and surgeons at Baltimore last year where our boys stood at the head of the class surpassed or equaled by none, so thorough had been their preparation.

"The only school in the United States equalling our Engineering Department is Cornell. The course in English and Department of Arts and Sciences is not excelled anywhere and equalled only by that of Harvard. With so large a faculty it is pleasing to note the chord of harmony prevailing and I have had most courteous and kindly attentions from all the professors and I feel particularly pleased with my relations to the young men, especially in my own department. Morgantown is as thoroughly practical for young lady students as for young gentlemen."